

SENATE BILL SUMMARY

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SB 1448 Medicaid Managed Care Plans by Senator Lynn

Requires an entity providing comprehensive behavioral health care services and licensed under certain provisions to continue services authorized by the previous entity as medically necessary while prior authorization is being processed under a new plan. Requires such an entity to pay electronic clean claims containing sufficient information for processing. Requires such an entity to develop and maintain an informal grievance system that addresses payment and contract problems with certain licensed physicians, psychologists, psychotherapists, and facilities. Requires that the Agency for Health Care Administration establish a formal grievance system to address those issues that are not resolved through the informal grievance system. (See bill for details)